


ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, in light of the emergency circumstances caused by the continuing COVID-19 outbreak in New York State and the nation, and consistent with the Governor of New York's recent executive order suspending statutes of limitation in legal matters, I direct that, effective immediately and until further order, no papers shall be accepted for filing by a county clerk or a court in any matter of a type not included on the list of essential matters attached as Exh. A. This directive applies to both paper and electronic filings.



Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: March 22, 2020

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Exhibit A

Essential Proceedings
Administrative Order AO/78/20
March 22, 2020

- A. Criminal matters
 - 1. arraignments
 - 2. bail applications, reviews and writs
 - 3. temporary orders of protection
 - 4. resentencing of retained and incarcerated defendants
 - 5. essential sex offender registration act (SORA) matters
- B. Family Court
 - 1. child protection intake cases involving removal applications
 - 2. newly filed juvenile delinquency intake cases involving remand placement applications, or modification thereof
 - 3. emergency family offense petitions/temporary orders of protection
 - 4. orders to show cause
 - 5. stipulations on submission
- C. Supreme Court
 - 1. Mental Hygiene Law (MHL) applications and hearings addressing patient retention or release
 - 2. MHL hearings addressing the involuntary administration of medication and other medical care
 - 3. newly filed MHL applications for an assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) plan
 - 4. emergency applications in guardianship matters
 - 5. temporary orders of protection (including but not limited to matters involving domestic violence)
 - 6. emergency applications related to the coronavirus
 - 7. emergency Election Law applications
 - 8. extreme risk protection orders (ERPO)
- D. Civil/Housing matters
 - 1. applications addressing landlord lockouts (including reductions in essential services)
 - 2. applications addressing serious code violations
 - 3. applications addressing serious repair orders
 - 4. applications for post-eviction relief
- E. All Courts
 - 1. any other matter that the court deems essential

This list of essential proceedings is subject to ongoing review and amendment as necessary.